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## New Places to Rest



Cornell Hall, formerly the Center for Historic Preservation, is now home to six transfer students.

Photo by Mark Bentley

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## Editorial

# Appeal

As another year of weekly publication begins, we at *The Bullet* thought it might be worthwhile to tell you a little bit about ourselves and how we work.

The basic format which you find in this issue of *The Bullet* will be followed with minor variations throughout the year. This year we will strive to add variety in order to make reading *The Bullet* more enjoyable. We also hope to broaden our appeal by running editorial, columns and articles on topics that go beyond the confines of Mary Washington College.

Our columnists write expressions of opinion. Their views do not necessarily reflect the views of the editorial board and they are free to choose their own topics. The weekly editorial is an opinion on which the editorial staff has agreed.

Readers are welcome to express their opinions in Letters to the Editor. The deadline for Letters to the Editor is the Thursday before the publication date. Put them in the Letters envelope on the door of ACL 304. All letters must be signed, typed and no longer than 500 words (approx. two typed pages). Letters to the Editor will be edited for spelling and punctuation but not for content.

Clubs and organizations are welcome to publicize some of their activities in our weekly announcements section. Space is limited, however, and publication of specific announcements must be at the discretion of the editorial board. All announcements must be written and turned into ACL 304 by Thursday prior to publication.

Suggestions and story ideas are appreciated and can be left in our suggestions envelope or by calling one of the staff members. Obviously, we can not cover everything, but your ideas will help. Ultimately our goal is to provide the MWC community with a news magazine that is informative and entertaining.

## The Bullet

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## Letters

### Non-Smoker Seeks Compromise

To the Editor:

I hope MWC's student body can endure just one more attempt to solve the perpetual World War III between smokers and non-smokers. The battleground in this case is Seacobeck. Non-smokers, after all, can avoid smoke-filled keg parties and the Pub, but all residential students have got to visit Seacobeck at least twice a day!

Many smokers enjoy an after-dinner cigarette with coffee in order to relax. Fine, that's their privilege, but non-smokers should not have to tolerate second-hand smoke. Even if smokers take care to sit in the back of the dining rooms, the smoke travels, and it's quite distasteful to diners who don't smoke.

We can draw this battle to a close by declaring one room in Seacobeck a smoking room, and not permit

smoking at all in the other three rooms, nor at breakfast. The green or rose room should be the smoking room, since they are the rooms least used.

Three non-smoking rooms and one smoking room is fair given the ratio of those students who don't smoke at mealtimes versus those that do. True, students who dearly love their after-dinner smoke will have to manage to eat when the smoking room is open. Those who really want

to smoke after dinner in Seacobeck rather than outside or in their rooms will be willing to adjust. After all, the minority often is inconvenienced for the majority's sake in our society. Of course, non-smokers who chose to dine in the designated smoking room will have to respect the smokers' rights there.

I suggest the Student Association consider this suggestion.

Mary Ruth Venditti

### I.D. Policy Questioned

To the Editor:

We would like to bring to your attention what we feel is a serious insult to the Honor System here at Mary Washington College.

The incident occurred at approximately 6:20 p.m., Thursday, September 13, 1984 in Seacobeck Hall.

I, Scott Bessette, and Ian Jones, immediately following an intramural football game, attempted to enter Seacobeck Hall for dinner. Both of us were wearing our dormitory jerseys. I had my identification card, however Ian did not. With only ten minutes before the dinner ended, the I.D. checker informed us that Ian would have to return to our dorm and obtain his I.D. card. We requested that Ian be allowed to sign a paper on his honor, and I swore on my honor, that he was an MWC student in good standing with dining privileges. He then informed us that our honor was of no use in Seacobeck.

After obtaining his I.D. card, we returned to the hall only to have time to obtain a partial dinner. We then asked one of the attendants

what the ruling was on I.D. cards at the door. She informed us, and I quote, that "...the Honor Code is no good here (Seacobeck)...."

At this point, both infuriated and hungry, we decided to write this letter of complaint.

Our main grievance is not that we are hungry, but that we hold the responsibility of abiding by the Honor System here at Mary Washington College, which has the power to dismiss us from this institution, for a violation, should this power not also be used to our advantage?

We obey, respect, and fear the Honor System, and when someone informs us that an area of this campus is exempt from the system we fear that the system is not being executed in the basic ways for which it was intended: for the benefit of *guest* throughout the entire Mary Washington College community.

Any response you wish to give to this matter would be gratefully accepted.

Scott D. Bessette  
Ian Jones

### Concern for Student Safety

To the Editor:

An event occurred this past weekend which we feel needs to be brought to the attention of the entire campus.

Saturday night at approximately 11:30 in front of Monroe, a female student was accosted by someone from outside the campus.

We feel there are steps that should be taken to avoid these incidents:

- 1) There is a definite need for improved lighting on campus.
- 2) Students are at risk walking alone at night; an escort service is available and should be used.
- 3) Most importantly—an overall awareness that these type incidents can and do occur should be stressed.

Incidents like this should not be allowed to happen. But when they do occur, they should be brought to everyone's attention.

Concerned Willard Residents

Editors note: Unfortunately there is no longer a student run escort service on campus.

The Bullet apologizes for the messy appearance of this week's issue. Those symbols and stray letters you will find in the articles are not typos, just a computer foul-up beyond the realm of human comprehension.

## Announcing...

On Tuesday September 18, 4 p.m. in Melchers 61 there will be a round table discussion concerning "What happens to students who major in art history?" Five alumnae, all art history majors will provide answers. The discussion is open to all members of the college community.

September 8-15 was Banned Books Week. E. Lee Trinkle Library will have a display of some books that have been challenged in the past, through September 30.

Emergency Student Loans of up to \$35.00 are now available. If you are running low on cash and need money, then you are eligible for a student loan. Applications are available in the Student Association office, ACL suite 301, during office hours: Monday 1-2, Tuesday 10-11 and Wednesday 1-2. If these times are not convenient, call Kim Wright, SA Treasurer, at x4308 or x4510.

Registration for Superdance '84 is going on in the Dome Room today through Thursday, 4:45-5:45. Any questions, call Debbie Ortiz x4725.

The deadline to declare a major in order to register in Fall 1984 (for Spring 1985) is October 2, 1984.

Each Sunday at 10:45 a.m. in front of the Library, transportation will be provided to downtown churches. Students will be returned to campus following 11 o'clock services.

The Office of Academic Services has received information on many fellowships for graduate study in the United States and abroad. This information has been assembled into a publication entitled "Fellowships for Graduate Study" which interested students may pick up in GW 209.

# Housing Shortage Leaves 10 Off-Campus

by KATHY MCDONALD

"The two main reasons that students leave college are boredom and isolation," said Bill Baker, Associate Dean of Students. Baker voiced concern for the four transfer students living in Brompton's guest house due to the shortage of space on campus this semester.

The housing problem, caused primarily by the large number of freshmen who accepted offers of enrollment to Mary Washington, was severe enough to require that freshmen and transfers be housed in other locations as well.

"Freshmen were placed first and transfers last," said Baker, "but this year we had more upper class spaces that we had for freshmen." As a result, a number of freshmen were placed in double rooms that had been converted to triples, others were housed in triples in upperclass halls.

"The integration of the freshmen into the upperclass dorms was done only as a last resort," said Baker. The upperclass halls that would have freshmen residents were notified early so that the R.A.'s and other upperclassmen could help ease the freshmen's transition to dorm life.

Although many freshmen were placed in triples and quads, the number of transfer students that needed housing still exceeded the space that remained. In addition, to the four students in the guest house at Brompton, six male students were placed in Westmoreland Hall, an upperclass female dorm.

The Historic Preservation House, located at the corner of Sunken Road and Monroe Street was converted to Cornell Hall. Cornell houses six male transfer students and according to Baker, will remain a residence hall because MWC needs more space for male students. The use of



Two residents of Brompton's guest house relax on the porch.

Photo by Mark Bentley

Brompton for student housing is only temporary, however. "The students living at Brompton will be moved on campus as soon as space becomes available because they are somewhat isolated," said Baker.

The guest house is a small, two-story structure between the home of President Anderson and MWC's Battlefield. According to the four residents, life at Brompton has both advantages and disadvantages. "The distance is not really an inconvenience," said sophomore Kevin Peterman, "we've gotten used to the walk." "Although we're far from the library, it's quiet, air-conditioned, and good for studying," said Gunn Shapardi.

Peterman and Shapardi's roommates, Mike For and Mark Shady agreed that they have adjusted very well to living away

from campus. "I think the first week would have been easier if we'd been on campus," said Shady, "but we've gotten used to Brompton." Peterman is optimistic, "We still have plenty of time to experience life in the dorms so we're enjoying living here," he said.

Although the four look forward to moving on campus, their main concern is that they don't want to move mid-semester. "We're all settled here and moving mid-semester would be really disruptive," said sophomore Mike For. At times they miss the community of dorm life but "We are making the best of the situation," said Shapardi.

"Moving to the dorms will be a big change, too," said Shady, "because there is so much more going on. We'd like to get through a semester before making

that kind of change," he said.

Their unusual living arrangement has caused some practical problems, for the Brompton residents. The house has two rooms with fireplaces and a bathroom but no kitchen facilities. The distance from campus also makes it difficult for these students to keep in touch with college activities. Campus mail is delivered to a box in G.W.'s mail room rather than to Brompton itself.

Mark Shady represents the group in the Student Senate and at Hall Council meetings. Although there is no formal visitation policy for the four students, they believe the situation calls on them to act responsibly. According to Peterman "Mrs. Anderson likes us; we don't cause trouble and we don't make noise."

The six students living in Cornell dorm have experienced some of the same advantages and disadvantages as the Brompton residents. Juniors Pat Convery, Julian Preisler and sophomore Dan McCardell agree that Cornell isn't too far off campus. "It's no farther to classes than Marshall and it's nice to be a little bit separated," said McCardell.

As transfers to MWC, Convery, Preisler and McCardell came to school a few days early. "At first I drove all over for Cornell Hall. I didn't realize it was off campus," said Convery. "When I got here the dorm was empty," said Preisler, "but we got furniture without much trouble," he said.

Like the Brompton residents, the students at Cornell have adjusted quickly to living in a small residence hall. McCardell acts as the dorm's president and spokesperson. Mickey Houck, Resident Director of Bushnell Hall is also the R.A. for the Cornell students. Because of its size Cornell has no formal visitation policy.

According to McCardell, "We like where we're living so we wouldn't cause trouble or make a lot of noise."

The residents at Brompton and Cornell agreed that the growing number of students enrolled at MWC presents a good impression of the college. Dean Baker sites the high academic standards and various living options at Mary Washington as reasons for the growth of the student body. Baker also indicated that the goal of the college is to continue to provide students with different housing options.

Despite the difficulty housing students this semester, there are no immediate plans to build more residence halls. According to Dean Baker, "There is talk of possibly building one or two new dorms, but those plans are only in the talking stages."

## Dean Burns Resigns After 5 Years

by SUSAN LOYD

Vice-President for Academic Affairs Mary Ann T. Burns has announced her resignation and will be leaving Mary Washington College by June 30, 1985, at the latest.

"As I stated in my letter to the faculty, I'm tired," stated Dean Burns. "It is a very difficult job and it gets to wear on you after awhile." After holding the position of dean for ten years, Dean Burns said that her resignation is the result of a "...personal feeling that I need a change for myself."

Dean Burns first came to MWC in July of 1979 and in February of 1980 was appointed Vice-President for Academic Affairs, as well as dean of the college. Her reasons for coming to Mary Washington were many, due to the size of the school and the excellent reputation of the faculty.

"I had known faculty members and was impressed," stated Dean Burns. Before coming to MWC, Dean Burns was academic dean of Emmanuel College in Boston and prior to that was dean of Wilson College in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania. She has also held the position of professor and classics department chairman at the University of Wisconsin in Milwaukee.

Burns is a classics scholar who received her B.A. degree from Rosemont College and her M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania. While at Mary Washington, Dean Burns has been instrumental in upgrading the faculty development program. The purpose of the program is to give faculty members the opportunity to either broaden their

knowledge within their own field or to expand their knowledge into other areas.

The program has been able to provide money for faculty members in order to attend conventions and meetings, as well as take time off in the summer to complete research.

When asked what she considered her most significant accomplishment while at MWC, Dean Burns replied, "...the tightening of academic standards in a positive way." Three years ago, the entire set of academic standards were revised and made more rigid. New guidelines were established for class attendance, academic probation and suspension as well as fulfillment of basic requirements.

Dean Burns stressed the importance of the regulations and "...mak-

ing people more aware of their education." With the new academic standards, Dean Burns described MWC as "...better able to live up to its potential."

Another continuing area of interest to Dean Burns has been the battle with the state to keep foreign language programs within the colleges. According to Burns, the state has a policy which requires an area of study to produce at least five majors a year. The areas in danger at the present are Classics, German, Philosophy, and Religion.

Burns' position is that foreign language programs are "...basic to a liberal arts program." Mary Washington is unique in the state by being a purely liberal arts college," she added. As of now, the state has put off decisions on all of the areas and formed a special committee to

consider the classics area. "With a shortage of Latin teachers, it hardly seems the time to cut classics programs," Burns stated.

Dean Burns is unsure as to what her future plans will be, but states she is "...looking at various things. I may go back to teaching or something in education, or try something entirely different," she stated. Being a native of Philadelphia, Burns expressed the wish to live in a large city again "I want to live in a city again," she exclaimed, "I'm a city person."

Burns is very pleased with the Anderson administration at MWC and stated that the college is going in a "...very positive direction-I see only good days ahead for it," she added. "I have enjoyed it here-Mary Washington is a fine institution," she concluded.



## Weekend Agenda Planned

by LISA CONRAD

According to Virginia McNeill, co-chairperson of this year's Family Weekend committee, the theme "Ease on Down the Road," reflects the many positive changes MWC has recently undergone.

Friday, September 21, two movies will be shown: *The Wizard of Oz* at 7pm and *The Wiz* at 9pm. The Terrapin Club will perform synchronized swimming Friday evening in Goolrick. Gymnasts will also be featured.

Registration for the weekend events will be at ACL from 6 to 9pm

Friday and 8am to 12pm, Saturday, September 22.

A complimentary continental breakfast, will be held from 8:15am to 9:30am, Saturday in the Ballroom. The administration is hosting a social hour in Dodd Auditorium from 9-10am. Welcoming ceremonies, from 10 to 11am, will also be held in Dodd with President Anderson greeting the families, students, and faculty.

From 11:30am to 1:00pm a picnic lunch will be held on Ball Circle. Fried chicken will be served and several student groups will entertain. From 1-4pm tours of the campus and Fredericksburg will be

given. Fredericksburg tours are free but limited in space. If interested, be sure to get reservations as early as possible.

A series of different sports events will be held Saturday, including a women's volleyball tournament, men and women's cross country meet, and a men's soccer game.

There will be a special showing of *The Wizard of Oz* in Dodd at 3pm. Popcorn will be served.

Saturday night the Emerald City Student Talent Show will feature some of MWC's finest talent. The show will be held in Dodd at 8pm, followed by a late night movie, *The Wiz*.

## C-Shop Gets Face Lift

by KYUNG SUE

With brand new booths, dark red carpet and a new menu board on the wall, the C-Shop surprised returning students with a new look and atmosphere. In an effort to revive the C-Shop, many changes were made over the summer. Remodeling of the C-Shop included carpentry work, installation of new counters, new kitchen equipment, carpeting and air conditioners. The cost of the project was \$15,000.

When the Pub was introduced to the students four years ago, students were fascinated by the new social place with loud music and the C-Shop's business began to decline. This lack of business triggered the C-Shop staff's consideration of making the numerous changes.

The renovation project was funded by the Auxiliary Enterprise Budget. Richard Miller, the Director of Business and Finance explained that the Auxiliary Enterprise Budget comes from the room and board fee that students pay, which is used to cover expenses for the dining rooms, pool room, and dormitories.

Students have reacted favorably towards the new look of the C-Shop. Many students feel that the new carpet adds to the more relaxed atmosphere. "It's alot more like a restaurant now, but it's still the C-Shop." One of the managers in the C-Shop pointed out that many students began to get tired of the Pub, and the new C-Shop provides

an alternative for the students. As one student indicated, students go to the Pub to dance, and they go to the C-Shop to be relaxed.

In addition to the physical changes made to the C-Shop, the Itza Pizza program was introduced this year to help bring students back to the C-Shop. Students like the C-Shop's pizza because as Tom Little said, "It's cheaper, easier and faster than a restaurant in town." Mike Craig remarked that the students like the delivery service also.

The Itza Pizza program of the C-Shop also increased student employment opportunities. Last year, only one student worked in the C-Shop. Now, the C-Shop employs nine students paid by the school through the Office of Financial Aid and another five students employed by ARA Services.

The C-Shop also has plans for increasing student interest through a "mug club" and a football night. When students join the "mug club," which will be forming soon, they buy a mug with their name on it which will be displayed on the wall on a certain night. "Mug club" members will be able to purchase beverages for a cheaper price. On Monday nights students can enjoy football games on the large T.V. screen and receive special rates of beverages with the purchase of a pizza.

With these recent changes it is hoped the C-Shop will regain its old status as a place to relax and socialize.

## Leaders Enjoy Playfair

by LISA SHERWOOD

For upperclassmen, the return to school early, leadership week is usually a succession of dull meetings and endless duties. This year's leadership week was highlighted by Andy Mazenta and Playfair. For those who attended it was an adventure in learning, caring and leading.

Playfair, Inc. is an organization specializing in new student orientations and leadership programs (see accompanying story). The leadership's training is designed to develop a sense of unity, motivation and strength among student organizations.

According to Associate Dean of Students Bill Baker, everyone develops barriers to communication and Playfair is designed to help break down these barriers. "After witnessing Playfair at the National Association of Campus Activities Conference in Birmingham, Ala., in Sept. of 1983, Baker and other col-

lege representatives became interested in utilizing Playfair in the opening week activities.

The Playfair leadership seminar was scheduled for six hours on Wednesday, August 22. The charisma and enthusiasm of Andy Mazenta quickly dispersed all fears of a long and dull training session.

Combining games with teaching, Mazenta helped student leaders

discover their own leadership styles. One of the many exercises involved picking a complete stranger from the crowd as a partner for the course of the day. The purpose of this exercise was to see if one was either an "aggressor" or "nonaggressor."

Student reactions to the six-hour seminar were enthusiastic, and student leaders already are anticipating the return of Playfair.

## New Students Play Too

by KIRSTEN BROWN

Student leaders were not the only ones treated to Andy Mazenta and Playfair.

On Thursday, August 23, freshmen and transfers arrived and were initiated into campus life with Mary Washington's first Playfair orientation.

The students played several non-competitive games which encourag-

ed communication and interaction with new people.

Playfair helped MWC's newest adjust to their new home. Mark Haley from Alexandria said, "It was different. It was a good way to meet other classmates."

Tracy Tapp, from Lynchburg, thought Playfair was a success. "It was fun... It helped incoming freshmen feel at home in a new environment."

## MWC Rejects 'Rituals'

by JANE ELLEN MOSES

"Hey, did you see that great love scene they shot down the hill from Pollard Hall?" Yes, this might have been a large topic of conversation, if Mary Washington had given the go ahead for Telepictures Corp. to film scenes for their new soap opera *Rituals*, here on campus this summer. MWC Executive Vice President Ray Merchant said that he was "cautious but enthusiastic," when he first heard about the possibility of MWC campus being filmed for the new program.

Even though the new soap would have shown only fleeting outside

shots of campus and campus buildings, it could have provided the college with a lot of public exposure. As Merchant put it, "Even if it is just for a split second, you are still getting exposure."

Exposure was all the film company was offering, that and free copies of all filmed episodes of *Rituals*—no money exchange involved. But when school officials looked more carefully into the *Rituals* storyline, they were not pleased with the type of exposure the school would be associated with. *Rituals* is a half hour soap, premiering this fall. The setting is a prestigious women's college and the storyline focuses on student/faculty/town relationships. And for anyone familiar with "Soaps," you know that these "relationships" can get pretty hot and heavy.

After reviewing the storyline and basic plot, college officials eventually canned the whole idea of filming at MWC. Merchant commented that he had been concerned with the portrayal as an all women's college that the public would see, compared to the "true coeducational makeup of Mary Washington. Inevitably, some viewers would associate MWC as being all women. The moral content of *Rituals* was also a consideration. As Ray Merchant put it, "One does not like to portray one's institution on the seamy side."

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# Atalay Visits Turkey, Searches for Ark

by BARBARA CREWS

The King James version of the Bible names the mountains of Ararat as the place where Noah's Ark came to rest. Located on the borders of Turkey, the U.S.S.R., and Iran, men of science and religion have climbed Ararat's impressive peaks seeking timber of the ancient vessel. As a young boy in Turkey, Dr. Bulent Atalay remembers an uncle, an archeologist, who went on an expedition to Mt. Ararat. Sponsored by the Turkish government, his uncle's group hoped to resolve the question of the existence of the Ark. A difficult end to secure, the group returned with the question still unanswered and open to debate. This summer Dr. Atalay returned to his native land to resume his uncle's quest.

With the ostensible aim of archeological research, Atalay joined Marvin Steffins and the International Expeditions group in exploring the politically sensitive area. Forbidden to scientists and explorers from 1970-1982, Atalay and his companions were fortunate to be granted a permit to research Mt. Ararat. Soviet opinion and the mountain's "testy location" make

such allowances by the Turkish government rare.

The mountains of Ararat have always held a fascination for those with pious or archeological interests. However, it was Frenchman Ferdinand Navara, who, in the 1980's renewed public interest in the area. Returning from Mt. Ararat with pieces of wood carbon dated to be around 5,000 years old, Navara announced that he had found the site of Noah's landing.

Atalay is hesitant to accept the claim that Navara's pieces of timber came from the Ark. He explains, "The wood was found at a site around 14,000 feet and I have reticence in accepting ideas of floods at very high altitudes. If all the water in the atmosphere were condensed, and the poles melted, the level of the oceans would rise no more than 1,500 feet. Five or six thousand years ago the amount of water on earth would have been appreciably different. It is true that in the far geological past the entire area was under water but that would have been millions of years ago. Indeed, like most serious scientists, I take the earth's age to be around 4.5 billion years and the universe to be around 15 billion."

The site that Atalay and his com-

panions explored was not right on Mt. Ararat, but on a hill fifteen miles away. With an altitude of 5,000 feet, it is located on a much lower, and hence, scientifically more feasible level than the site which Navara popularized. Located on the hill is a formation with the oblong shape of a "large pistachio shell" which measures about 450 feet. "This length," Atalay explains, "makes the formation worthy of further investigation. The biblical description of the Ark is that of structure 300 cubits long...and a cubit, by modern reckoning, is around 18 inches long."

"Besides the intriguing shape of the formation is the existence of metal, symmetrically arranged, down its main axis." This metal, picked up by Atalay and his companions with a metal detector, has led some to hypothesize that it was once the main support of the ancient boat. Atalay is unsure of the metal's significance but admits fascination with its symmetric arrangement.

Atalay and his group were not the first to discover the oblong mound. "This strange pistachio shaped formation was originally photographed in 1967 by a M-2 spy plane, probably on a flight over Russia," he says. The site was superficially in-

vestigated in the sixties, but has yet to undergo extensive exploration. "What it would call for is core samples taken with augers," explains Atalay, "then the presence of decomposed wood and metal debris could be investigated." Unfortunately, Atalay and his companions were unable to perform such a test. To do so would have required a separate digging permit which the group had not secured.

Even without such tests, the leader of Atalay's group, Marvin Steffins, made a public announcement that the location may be the site of the Ark. Atalay recounts that "Newspapers in Turkey and all through Europe inflated the claim. Later, when another member of the group, Jim Erwin, the astronaut, showed skepticism, the two were pitted against each other in the newspaper. The rock and dirt samples that Mr. Steffins showed at the press conference were confiscated because newspapers actually ran reports about the Ark being carried out of Turkey in bits and pieces."

Steffins' premature pronouncements about the Ark are not echoed by Atalay. "As a theoretical physicist," he says, "my position is

scientifically cautious." Such skepticism, however, does not diminish Atalay's appreciation of Mt. Ararat or his interest in the area. "The whole area abounds in archeological treasure, all of which should be investigated and sorted out," he says. "There is a pre-Sumerian settlement around 10,000 feet on the mountain and among the cuneiform hieroglyphics there is a clear allusion to a boat."

The pistachio-shaped formation studied by Atalay offers convincing evidence to those seeking a quick conclusion to the age old quest. Its length, shape and location satisfy those seeking religious analogies and the presence of symmetrically arranged metal along its axis intrigues those with scientific concerns. Atalay advocates a more cautious and skeptical approach. Like his uncle before him, Atalay returns from his expedition with no resolution to the question of the Ark's existence. He questions much, believes little and remains fascinated by the possibilities. The site explored by Atalay may well hold the treasure of a religious past, but if so, it will have to prove itself against the scientific tests of the future.

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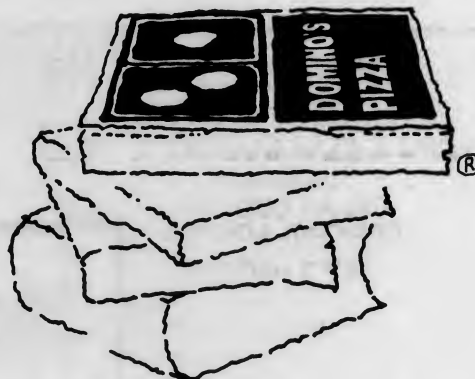
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DEONA HOUFF

# Confessions of a Conservative Feminist

I am a feminist. This surprises me because growing up I always thought feminist meant radical, and radical is something I am not. Yet here I sit, a feminist.

I first realized my position last fall on a Sunday afternoon. My brother, grandparents and I were watching a football game when my brother, who was stretched out on the floor, asked me to get him ice cream. My grandfather decided he'd like some, too. I flatly refused to move from my easy chair. Both of them looked at me as if I had broken one of the Ten Commandments.

"If I were getting up to get myself ice cream, I'd be glad to get you some, too. If I had been lying around all day while you were working, I'd be glad to get you some. But I'm not here to take your ice cream orders. I'm not here to take any orders," I said.

RICHARD EHRL

## Democrats in Dullsville

Walter Mondale is dull, dull, dull, dull. In public he looks uncomfortable, grinning and waving-but never quite sounding sure that he is a candidate for the highest office in the land. He speaks in a monotone reminiscent of Deputy Droop Along. Moreover, when speaking, he mumbles. While giving his acceptance speech at the Democratic National Convention, it looked as if he had to force himself to raise his voice in anger and frustration at the Reagan administration. There was no natural flow to his speech pattern—no expression of rage at his opponent. Instead, there was a presidential candidate who, while attempting to speak forcefully, occasionally lapsed back into a mumble. One almost gets the impression that it is painful for him to speak in public. To put it simply—Mondale has the charisma of a digested prune.

DAVID MINOR

There has been quite a lot of noise recently over the mixing of politics and religion. While there is some just cause of concern over the degree in which the two can be mixed without threatening to eat away at many of our most dear rights, the dose the American public is now receiving does not seem to be capable of doing irreparable harm to our great political system, at present. Certainly, the so-called religious issues which the American public encounters in their morning paper have been growing in number. For instance, the recent controversy over recited school prayer raised quite a fuss with both the legislators and the press. And how about the equal access bill President Reagan signed recently into law? The press called that a religious issue. Well, it did deal with equal access for high school religious, political and

And my grandmother said, "Aren't you going to wait on your husband?" I almost broke a commandment, right there on Sunday.

Jane Pauley, host of the *Today Show*, wife of *Doodlesbury* cartoonist Garry Trudeau, and mother of twins, was recently quoted as saying that while discrimination in the office exists, the real discrimination takes place in the home. I don't know if she spoke from personal experience, but if Garry (who has been on sabbatical) has not been doing his share of the diaper changing and grocery shopping, may he receive a loud lecture from his grandmother.

My experience in the matter is limited, but I believe Jane is right. This summer I worked with two intelligent, seemingly enlightened, college men. When we were working, they saw me as their equal. I was expected to be as capable and as ag-

gressive as any man. But when I looked at a lunch bill to begin deciding who owed what, I became, in their words, a "strong-willed woman." They implied I was inappropriately strong-willed, and they laughed about it. They laughed because they didn't know how else to deal with my taking control of a situation that was not job-related. I was expected to be socially submissive because their mothers had been.

Once or twice I tried to tell them that one day, maybe after a fed up wife or two had left them, they would have to accept that the woman's role is not necessarily that of order-taker and housekeeper. I tried to warn them that their roles, too, are changing. They will be doing more housework and more honest-to-God parenting than did their fathers.

In these warnings, I made a

facial expressions and smiles are a politician's means of communicating to the public. A smile is a candidate's way of saying that while things are bad under the opponent's administration, they will be better under his. A firm, free flowing voice presents the image that the candidate knows what he is talking about, is in control, and ever ready to take the helm of the ship of state. Finally, it emits confidence in himself and his mission.

America before its television set needs to see and hear a reassuring voice. But Walter Mondale fails to grasp this concept and in so doing will leave as big a political impression as John W. Davis.

*Note: John W. Davis was the 1924 Democratic presidential nominee.*

mistake. The tone in my voice was always "You guys are in for it," and I always treated the changing of roles as a male versus female contest, not a male/female collaboration. It is when women say things that make them appear to be men-haters that they acquire the "radical" label and lose the potential support of middle America.

That middle America support is

vital to the end of discrimination in the work place. If women ever want to be treated as equals on the job, the men they work with must come from homes where a woman is not by definition submissive and a man is not by definition authoritative. They must come from homes where men and women work together to make the home happy, not to mention well-stocked with ice cream.

JANETTE BREEN

## Summer Trivia

Do you find yourself looking back on this summer with fond memories? Or how about a taste of nausea in your mouth? These past three of four months have brought about events, movies, songs, and facts that will one day be talked about by our descendants.

For instance, how many of you waited for hours to see Michael Jackson and his brothers sing? I'm still amazed everytime I see someone do the "moon walk" or attempt to dance like he does. Have we lost our disco gods or have we gained a new idol? If so, should we wear gloves on our right of left hand? I'm still confused.

The summer did not contain itself to idolizing just one person. In fact, those of the female gender decided to dress like their opposites. Even nowadays one can glance around them and see a Calvin Klein underwear strap hanging out. Let us not forget the hairstyles that the summer months have brought into focus.

The cut of the day is an over-the-ear type of cut. Some have even gone as far as to shave the hair up over the ear. And for those of a less radical nature, the "bob" has decided to come around again in a flourish. The coloring remains to be either a blond or a streaked color, one always has their pick. Yet some people, if it weren't for the clothes

that they wear, are impossible to discern if they are male or female.

One thing that has remained between the sexes is the clothes. The women and men alike wear the same shorts. If they do not glow in the dark, then they are not in style. The motto is that everyone must have a "look". If it's not the jean look, then it has to be the leather look or some other thing like that. This excludes of course, those of you that wear jeans all the time.

The movies of the summer were hysterical. They did not lend themselves to house-wrecking or to the tune of court battles over little kids. Au contraire, they were light-hearted and to say that they were funny does not serve them justice. Such movies as *Ghostbusters*, *Police Academy*, and *Bachelor Party* and tons of others left the audiences rolling. How many can sit through a Bill Murray and Dan Ackroyd movie and not have to wet their pants, myself excluded?

And last but not least...the game of the summer, Trivial Pursuit. How many of you know what color Batman's leotards are? Or how many college freshmen it takes to stuff a regulation sized VW? The game itself is fun, but the fun is intensified if it turns into a drinking game. Don't lie, I know that people play beer pursuit and have one hell of a time doing so. Gosh, how can we be so original?

## A Little Prayer with Your Politics?

philosophical clubs to the facilities of the high school. And to top it off, the United States established diplomatic relations with that well known church-state, the Vatican.

How many of those three issues were really religious? Prayer, that is certainly a religious topic. I thought our founding fathers agreed at the beginning of this great political experiment that no government institution would promote any certain religion. Be that as it may, up until approximately two decades ago, recited prayer was an accepted practice in some schools. We seemed to have survived that breach of constitutionality intact. Could it be that the over-all effect of school prayer is negligible in the education of an average child? God forbid even the suggestion!

And how about the other two issues? The equal access bill looks

more to me like the extension of basic rights to stigmatized high school groups. Let's face it, not every group can be pleasing to our most refined sensibilities. And as far as establishing relations with the Vatican, that move seemed geared more towards diplomatic expediency than religious submission.

So what's the deal with all this politico-religious hullabaloo? True, we just had our first serious attempt at becoming president by a member of clergy that I can remember. Also, we are at no loss for priests, preachers and other pastoral people graciously offering their lofty opinion on how government should be run in this temporal veil of tears. So what. What is so scary about anyone getting on a soapbox or a television set and telling us what to do, where to do it, who to do it with and how

many times to do it.

The catch is, people are listening to these men of God. Maybe these American people are feeling guilty for a decade of self indulgence in the 1970's or possibly they believe they had better get in good with the Man upstairs before the nuclear holocaust. Or better yet, this section of the American public could be turning to the politico-preacher to help them cope with an ever more complex and frightening world. But for whatever reason, these people are listening.

By itself, this phenomenon is not too alarming. When we begin to elect such clergy to important offices as a matter of course, we may begin our panic. When we put into office a man or a woman who is used to having his or her proclamations from the pulpit received by a mostly agreeing congregation, how will this person view

normal political dissent? Although it would be nice to have the conscience of a man of the cloth in our nation's high offices, for the nation's sake it is imperative we have men or women in high offices that are shrewd in the games of politics and diplomacy. Although there have been very few, if any clergy in the presidency, we have had some prime examples of lack of toleration of dissent (Nixon) and a preachy style of diplomacy (Carter). Just as there are different types of people, there are different types of clergymen. There may be some man or woman of the cloth out there with great presidential ability. But Jerry Falwell, Jesse Jackson, Louis Farakhan and any of the other less prominent but only slightly less visible pastors are any indication of those clergy who aspire to American government offices, I will certainly take my chances with the laity.



# Foust Transfers to Willard

by JILLIAN MCKENZIE

Early fall semester 1984 has brought many changes to Washington's campus. These range from the remodeling of C-Shop and new, later hours at the library, to new sidewalks leading to the surrounding Chandler Hall. One of the most progressive changes and seemingly more controversial issues on campus, however, only involves the one hundred and eighty-five female residents of Willard Hall. This year, Dane Foust has become the new Resident Director at Willard, a position usually occupied by a woman.

Foust is not new to Mary Washington. After a one year stint at Jefferson last year, he returned to the transfer to Willard. He believed he could use the experience and knowledge he acquired in his full extent in a different setting.

Originally from Pittsburgh, Foust has a B.A. in Journalism and an M.A. in Student Personnel Administration from Indiana University in Pennsylvania. His master's thesis involved "approximately quarters counseling and one-

quarter management ability," said Foust.

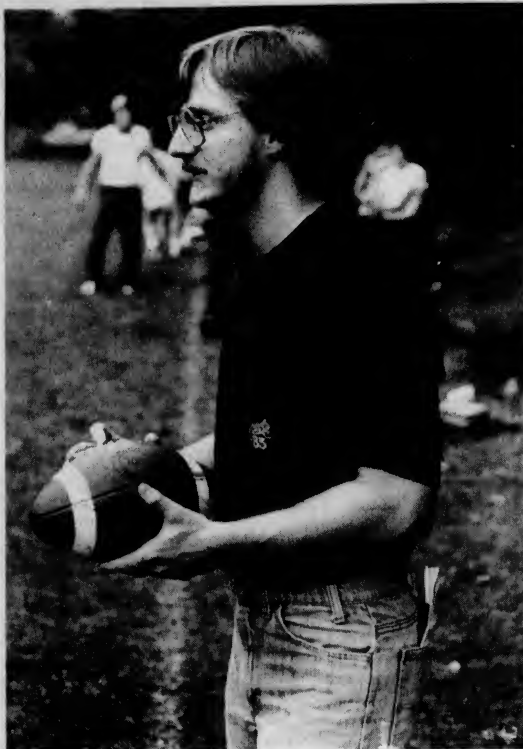
A slight-built blond with glasses, Foust is "almost twenty-six," and does not hesitate to talk about his new home and responsibilities. "I see my job at Willard as a counselor, leader, friend and finally, policeman. In that order." He readily expresses some fear that the girls at Willard will be hesitant to talk to him about some of their more personal problems. "Because I am a guy, I realize the R.A.s have an added responsibility this year."

To help Foust lessen any gaps, all the R.D.s on campus appointed Tammy Short administrative assistant. Short will serve as a liaison between the R.A.s, Foust and Hall Council. "Tammy has a lot of experience as an R.A. and we really felt that she was the best qualified and will do a great job," said Denise Reynolds, and Willard's past Resident Director and current R.D. at Randolph.

And how do the girls at Willard feel about their only male resident? "Dane has done a really good job keeping the lines of communication open," says Barrie Britton, a junior who lived in Willard last year also. Foust's fears about counseling girls

with personal problems are not unwarranted, however. Some girls expressed their belief that a female resident director is easier to talk to because she can more easily identify with their own problems. Still, some feel that Foust would be more objective when dealing with a problem, especially involving relationships, because he is a guy. "Willard is a fairly self-sufficient dorm," said Reynolds, "but Dane also brings a safety factor into play." Hopefully the girls will feel more secure knowing there is a guy available to help at any time. Above all though, a lot of girls think Foust could be the key to 24 hour visitation and a more social atmosphere at Willard.

Only one embarrassing incident has occurred since Dane became Resident Director. Apparently Foust caught one of his residents slightly off guard early one morning. The incident was cleared up, however, at the very first dorm meeting when Foust made this deal with the residents: "I won't run around with no clothes on if you won't." And so, despite worriers and pessimists, things at Willard are running pretty smoothly these days.



Willard Hall's Resident Director Dane Foust. Photo by Mark Bentley

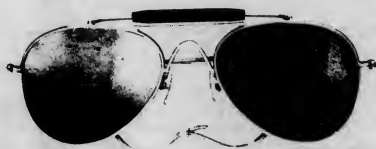
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## BOV Elects New Officers

The board of Visitors of Mary Washington College held its biennial election of officers at an organizational meeting on July 18. John Alan Kinniburgh of McLean, Virginia, was chosen Rector of the Board. Kinniburgh is the Executive Assistant to the Vice President of the American Gas Association and is Director of Financial and Administration Section Services for the Association. A native of Pawtucket, Rhode Island, he holds degrees from Rhode Island's Bryant College and from Pepperdine University in California. Kinniburgh is also a retired Colonel, United States

Marine Corps.

Rita Morgan Stone of Alexandria, Virginia, was elected Vice Rector. Mrs. Stone graduated from Mary Washington in 1952 and received her M.A. from George Washington University. She has just retired as a sub-school principal of Robinson Secondary School in Fairfax.

Elected Secretary was Kathleen Patricia Mayer of Great Falls, Virginia. Presently the Assistant General Manager of Arbor International, Inc., in McLean, Ms. Mayer graduated from MWC in 1978. In her senior year at the College, she was Student Government President.

Gwendolyn Amory Cumming of Hampton and J. Rupert Picott of Washington D.C., and Richmond, Virginia, were selected for one-year terms on the Executive Committee. Mrs. Cummings, a 1952 MWC alumna, is a former public school teacher who has been active in civic and alumni affairs. Picott is an educational consultant who has received many awards over the past 30 years for his business and educational leadership. He holds degrees from Virginia Union University, Virginia Seminary and College, and Temple University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

## Ceiling Collapses in Willard

by ROBBIN KELLEY

A maintenance man, contracted by Mary Washington College, stepped off a beam and put his foot through the kitchen ceiling on the third floor of Willard Hall, knocking a light free.

The incident occurred on August 21, 1984, a week before the majority of students were back on campus. Honor, Judicial, and S.A. representatives and the hall staff were the only residents in the building at the time. No one was injured in the incident.

However, Suzanne Maddox, junior, was in the kitchen at the time of the accident. "I was hit by falling plaster first, then I heard and saw the light fall and swing by its cord. When the plaster and other stuff started falling, I ran out of the kitchen. I wasn't hurt, I was just frightened," Maddox stated.

Andrea Canova, the third floor Resident Assistant, was alerted when the accident happened. "It

took the contracted man at least 10 minutes to come down and see if anyone had been hurt. It really makes me angry that it took them so long to respond."

This is not the first time there have been problems with the ceilings in Willard. Alison Metzger, a third year resident of the dorm, has lived on the third floor for two years. "Every time it rains, the rooms in

the 301 unit all leak," said Metzger.

Sheryl DeVaan in 300B has complained before about the ceiling problem. "We had a large hole in the ceiling at the beginning of last year that would leak. Also, sometimes when it rains, the light flickers on and off," she said.

The ceilings in Willard and Virginia halls are both presently under repair.

## Dowdy Named to New Post

Michael B. Dowdy, of Richmond, has been named Vice President for College Relations at Mary Washington College. In this newly-created position, Mr. Dowdy, 33, will have supervisory responsibility for Development, Alumni Programs, and Public Relations.

He comes to Mary Washington following a highly successful five years at the University of Richmond, first as Director of Alumni and Parent Programs, then as Director of the Annual Giving Program

and Special Projects, and finally as Campaign Director of the Metro Richmond Campaign, which was charged with attracting capital pledges for the University from the Richmond area.

A native of Lynchburg, Dowdy received a B.A. degree from the University of Richmond in 1973 and is working toward completion of an M.B.A. degree from the E. Claiborne Robins School of Business, University of Richmond. He is married and has two children.

## Freshman Class Diverse

by EILEEN SMITH

This year's freshman class was chosen from a pool of 2697 applicants, according to H. Conrad Warlick, Vice-President for Admissions and Financial Aid. Of the 2697 figure, 1640 students were accepted, and 735 chose to enroll.

There are 142 males and 593 females in the class of '88, approximately maintaining the 1-to-3 ratio of men to women at MWC. There are

47 black students in the freshman class.

Thirty percent of the students were in the top ten percent high school graduating class, eight percent from the top one percent.

Warlick's admissions office recruited students from 75 schools, attending "College" and 6 college fairs. They resulted in an 11 percent increase in the applicant pool from last year.

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# Sports

## SS Country:

# Soper Finds Niche in MWC Cross Country

by WENDY LaRUE

track programs will blossom and bring much recognition to the institution."

On the women's side Lisa Petrilli and Pam Shullingsburg are the only runners from last year's top seven that are returning to this year's 16

member team. Peggy McKelvy, Amy Coddington and Annie LaMura are new members who should contribute a great deal to the team, which hopes to win the region and participate in Nationals for the second year in a row.

The men's team, which is still in a developmental stage, has only eight participants. Mike Good and Dan Zdancewicz are leading the squad holding the first and second spots respectively. "The biggest push in the men's program," explained Soper,

"is to get more male runners in the school and out for the team."

In their opening meets for the season both teams ran at the Essex Maryland Open Meet. The women finished third of six and the men finished fourth of six.

and unfamiliar are the words best describe the Blue Tide country team this year. Including the many unfamiliar faces of coach Stan Soper, who will be coaching men's and women's country and track.

campus, its facilities, and the were what attracted Soper to the college. "It has everything I was looking for in a Division III school," commented. "It's a place I've wanted to be for the last three

years. Soper, a 1972 graduate of Washington State College, with a master's degree in physical education and health.

Soper's coaching ability was well known by his peers. He was a four time Coach of the Year recipient Southern Maryland Athletic Association and 1982-83 Maryland Coaches Association indoor Coach of the Year during his time at Northern High School in Prince George's County, Maryland.

Washington College offers a unique situation," said Soper. "The beautiful location and facilities it is simply a matter of time before the cross country and

# New Athletes Contribute to Fall Sports

## Field Hockey

by HEIDI SOWA

"It's a coaches team," says Coach Beth Reichel of her Women's field hockey team. "They're very receptive to new ideas." And, new is the key word. With only three starters back, Reichel is dealing with a team of 50 percent freshmen.

This ratio does not pose a problem in Reichel's eyes. She feels the freshmen possess the same or better talent that some of the players she lost to graduation. Reichel added, "The team has fallen together and adopted quickly."

Freshman Eve Barsoun concurs

with Reichel, saying "The upperclassmen are very helpful and try to get us all together. We want a good season but we're going to have to work our butts off."

Having played two scrimmage games Reichel feels more confident than she otherwise might. "The scrimmages were a big help to get the nervousness and the kinks worked out."

Last year the team had a slow start winning most of its games in the last half of the season. Reichel would like to see the winning continue over this year. "We're always shooting for the top," she concluded.

## Soccer

by HEIDI SOWA

Having no football team, MWC has turned its attention to making its men's soccer team one of the best. Last year the team did come out on top making it to the state finals. However, it lost to Randolph-Macon in overtime. This year coach Roy Gordon hopes for even better results.

Despite the loss of graduated seniors, Gordon remains optimistic. He feels that the team has replacements, not only in returning

players, but also in freshmen. Gordon commented that the team as a whole has improved itself. One of his main concerns now is to iron out any crucial mistakes the team may make that might cost it the game against teams of lesser skill as the did last year.

At the MWC Invitational, the team beat Lycoming four to one but lost to Stockton, in what Gordon classified as a "good close game."

Taking an overall view of his team, Gordon remarked, "We are a balanced squad. We understand and play well with each other."

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# lf Shoots for Low 80's

y WENDY LaRUE

an win a lot of matches if all shot in the low 80's, said coach Middred Droste. The team certainly has the ability to do so with five returning players and several promising members. Uthe, competing in his final collegiate season, is expected to lead the team with scores in the 80's. Uthe has already started on off right by winning the medalist honors in the Blue first match at the Newport

News Apprentice School.

Other returning athletes include Bill Lackemby, Ross Bettosi, Rob Sardiello and Ned Cashman, all of whom are capable of shooting in the low to mid 80's according to Droste. New team members who are expected to be major contributors to the team's success are Wally Martin, John Geisel, Stephen Campbell, Mike Wohleking, and Ed Emory. "They all have the tournament giters right now," confessed Droste. "It takes a while to be able to concentrate for 18 holes. The more practice and tournament play they have, the better they will get."

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## Tennis

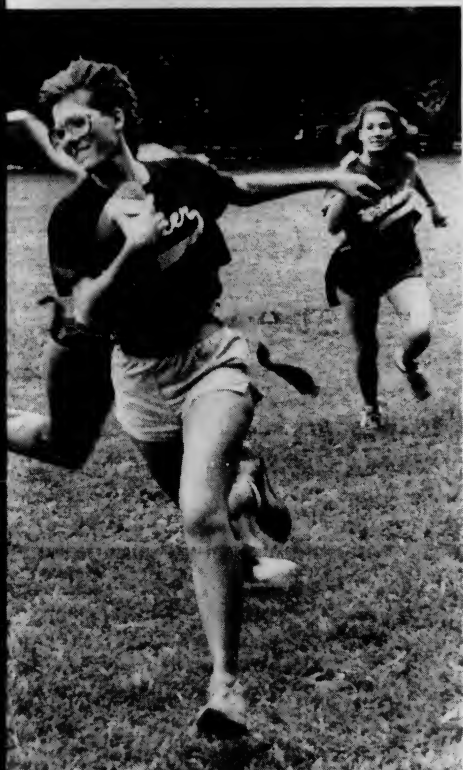
## Volleyball

omen's tennis team is heading for another successful season. It was Christopher Newport College that scored a score of nine to zero on September 11 in the season opener. They went on to defeat William & Mary by the same margin on the

men are making a major contribution this year, according to Coach Hegmann. The top five are all freshmen. "They have great talents," he said, "but they need to develop their mentalness; a 'match mentality'."

Coach Gallahan is optimistic about Blue Tide volleyball this season. "The team is considerably better this year," she says, "because they are more experienced." The team consists of ten returning players and two freshmen. Gallahan adds, "We also have a strong bench and that helps a great deal."

On September 22 the team will host the MWC Invitational Tournament. Colleges participating include N.C. Wesleyan, Chowan and Western Maryland.



pal football action kicked off Monday September 10. Please see next Sports section for further details. Photo by Mark Bentley



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**\*NOW ACCEPTING VALID CHECKS FROM MWC STUDENTS**

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on any 16" pizza with one or more toppings total coupon savings **\$3.24**

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